



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Behavioral Health Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-855-0045 "Exempt income" and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.20B.335, RCW 43.20B.325, RCW 72.01.090

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The current WAC is out of date. It refers to another WAC that is no longer in effect and has a dollar amount that is no longer valid. This planned update ensures that patients in state hospitals will be able to have the personal fund amounts to which they are entitled.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Office of Financial Recovery uses this WAC to determine the personal needs allowance for patients.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) The Behavioral Health Administration will work with the Office of Financial Recovery and other interested parties to provide input into updating this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department representatives listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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